

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 9, 11-12, 15, 18, 23 and 26-27 are amended to merely clarify the recited subject matter. Claims 1-28 are pending.

Applicants acknowledge the indication that claims 4 and 21 are allowable and claims 7, 10, 16-17, 22 and 24 include allowable subject matter. However, Applicants delay rewriting those claims at this time to afford the Office the opportunity to fully reconsider the patentability of the rejected claims.

The Office Action has maintained the rejection of the claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, 15, 18-20, 23 and 26-28 as being anticipated by Grube et al (U.S. 5,371,898; hereafter “Grube”), the rejection of claims 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grube in view of Hoogerwerf et al. (U.S. 5,819,171; hereafter “Hoogerwerf”), and the rejection of claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grube in view of Dee et al. (U.S. 6,115,602; hereafter “Dee”).

For example, the applied prior art fails to provide “setting up any new call in an existing multicall over the transmission path between the telecommunications network and the subscriber terminal,” as recited in claims 1-14, 16 and 17 “setting up a new call in an existing multicall over the transmission path between the telecommunications network and subscriber equipment,” as recited in claim 15, “an arrangement for controlling a multicall over the transmission path between the telecommunications network and the subscriber terminal,” as recited in claims 18-26, or a “terminal being capable of having a multicall over the transmission path between the telecommunications network and the subscriber terminal,” as recited in claims 27 and 28.

The Office Action asserted that the previously submitted arguments regarding the “multicall” to a subscriber unit has not been given patentable weight because the recitation occurred in the preamble. Applicants take issue with that assertion because the term “multicall” was also recited in the body of each independent claim. Nevertheless, Applicant has further amended the claims to repeat, in the body of the claims, the feature of “a multicall over a transmission path between a telecommunications network and subscriber equipment” currently recited in the preamble. The amended claims also recite that the existing bearer may be shared by at least two calls of the multicall of the subscriber equipment.

As explained previously, Grube merely discloses a dual mode communication unit that can operate in either a trunking communication system or a cellular communication system when the coverage areas of each system overlap. However, Grube fails to teach or

suggest any multicall between a telecommunication network and an individual subscriber terminal in a telecommunication system. To the contrary, Grube merely discloses a group dispatch communication in the trunking communication system, and individual calls in the cellular system. Thus, there is no indication of a multicall, i.e., two or more simultaneous separate calls to a subscriber unit. Therefore, Grube et al. fails to provide a multicall between a telecommunications network and an individual subscriber terminal in a telecommunication system.

Hoogerwerf et al. fails to remedy the deficiencies of Grube et al. because Hoogerwerf et al. merely discloses automated forced call disruption and the call waiting feature but fails to remedy the deficiencies of Grube et al. because Hoogerwerf et al. fails to provide a multicall between a telecommunications network and an individual subscriber terminal in a telecommunication system.

Similarly, Dee et al. fails to remedy the deficiencies of Grube et al. and Hoogerwerf et al. because Dee et al. merely discloses a method and system for call screening but fails to remedy the deficiencies of Grube et al. because Hoogerwerf et al. fails to provide a multicall between a telecommunications network and an individual subscriber terminal in a telecommunication system.

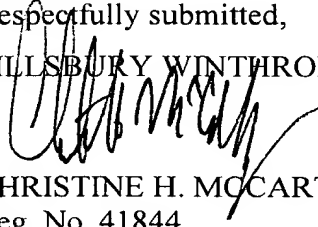
Based on the above arguments, claims 1-28 are patentable over the applied prior art and are allowable. All rejections having been addressed, the Applicants request issuance of a Notice of Allowance indicating the allowability of the pending claims. If anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Applicants request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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